PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Valerie GIRARDON, et al.

Attorney Docket No. Q67747

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For:

FIBER GRATING OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

6. (Amended)Device according to claim 1, wherein the optical fiber has a core region and an outer region, whereby the core region displays a lower photosensitivity with respect to the outer region.

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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

6. (Amended)Device according to one of the preceding claims claim 1, wherein the optical fiber has a core region and an outer region, whereby the core region displays a lower photosensitivity with respect to the outer region.